

**Community Development  
Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2003-8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson was out of town so Vice-Chairman Bernard Vigue called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present: Dave Corn, Pat Corn, Susan Waukau and Jim Horton. Wendell Askenette and Dave Grignon were absent.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Review Minutes Dated April 18, 2003-**

**Motion made by Jim Horton to approve the minutes dated April 18, 2003. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

4. **Building (Dwelling) Codes-**

**Motion made by Dave Corn to table the issue. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

5. **Permit Processing Checklist-**

Bernard Vigue informed the committee that a checklist was developed they are going to start using it. He will keep the committee informed as to whether or not it is working.

6. **Pow-Wow Update-**

Stephanie Awonohopay was present and gave the committee brief update. Stephanie stated that she is going to solicit the vendors because she received permission from the Tribal Chairperson to do so.

Stephanie stated that she has started to receive bids for the various positions of the Pow-Wow and showed the committee the bid she received for the portable toilets. It was the lowest bid and Stephanie asked the committee to approve the bid.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the portable toilet bid in the amount of \$1,588.00 for the rental of the portable toilets for the 2003 Menominee Contest Pow-Wow. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Stephanie asked the committee if the permanent toilets at the Pow-Wow grounds can be permanently shut down. The bathrooms are very bad. All through the Pow-Wow people complain about the smell and the hotter the weather the worse the smell. No matter what kind of cleaners are used or how often doesn't improve the stench.

Dave Corn agreed that the bathrooms should be shut down because his employees are the ones that come empty the toilets and it is becoming very dangerous especially to get to the bathroom down in the bowl. There is poor lighting, the road is bad and there are kids running all over the place. Dave is afraid someone will get hurt.

Stephanie stated that she ordered more of the portable toilets to compensate for the bathrooms that would be closed and the price of the extra potties is included in the bid. Stephanie will see if the High School will allow people to go and use the showers there.

**Motion made by Jim Horton that the current bathrooms (Upper and Lower) at the Pow-Wow grounds be closed and not used at all and instead more portable toilets will be available. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the**

**motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Stephanie will come to next meeting for another update. Stephanie stated that she should know by the next meeting how everything is going financially.

**7. Natural Gas Update-**

Bernie explained that what brought the natural gas issue up is that the college had an incident with their LP tanks where everyone had to be evacuated and Community Development Department was asked to look into the tribe being able to get natural gas.

At first the natural gas people said the cost would be minimal but after further review decided it would cost the tribe between One Million to Four Million dollars to do the project because a main would have to be built from Shawano to Keshena.

With the estimates, it just wouldn't be feasible for the tribe to get natural gas at this time.

**8. Commercial Leases-**

Bernie would like the committee to consider reviewing and revising the commercial leases. Committee would like to see someone else's rules on commercial leases and go from there. Committee will discuss the issue further at future meetings.

**9. Expense Reimbursement-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the subject. No action was taken.

**10. Business Proposals Update-**

Bernie explained that Jerry Sanapaw sells food out of the old Reiter's Gas Station and is currently behind on his rent payments and is asking for a lease renewal. Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the request. Bernie stated that his lease is up the end of July. Committee feels that there is no reason he shouldn't have his arrears paid by the end of the lease.

**Motion made by Dave Corn that Jerry Sanapaw pays the arrears before a new lease will be issued and the lease would have a 60 day notice. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent, 1-abstention (Jim Horton). Motion carried.**

Bernie informed the committee that the Menominee Auto Service Center left many unpaid bills and those unpaid bills are starting to affect the tribe's credit. Some departments are going to the businesses and they are requiring cash for merchandise or services. Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue. No action was taken.

**11. Other Business-**

Bernie informed the committee that the Legislature would like to keep it open as a convenient store/gas station.

Committee members will have a special meeting on May 20, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the issue.

**12. Adjournment- Motion made by Jim Horton to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services